

Application Serial No. 10/039,684
Amendment dated October 31, 2003
Reply to Office Action of August 31, 2003

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been cancelled and allowable claim 2 amended to independent form, rendering it allowable with all claims depending therefrom.

Claims 8, 10, 59 and 60 are amended to dependency on allowable claim 2.

Rejected independent claims 41, 45, 72, 73 and 75 have all been amended consistent with the indicated allowable subject matter of claim 2 and are now clearly allowable, together with all claims depending therefrom.

Claim 8 has been amended only for the purpose of correcting an obvious typographical original omission and not for purposes of patentability by adding the term "pass". Claim 72 has been amended as a matter of form to overcome the objection regarding an antecedent basis for "said first and second webs".

Accordingly, all independent claims are clearly allowable, together with all claims depending therefrom.

Claims 2-16, 41-43, 45-49 and 59-76 remain in this case and all are clearly allowable.

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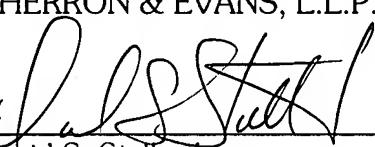
Having amended the rejected claims so that all include clearly patentable subject matter as pointed out by the Examiner in the action mailed 8/1/03, all claims are allowable, rendering moot the cited Wolfersperger patent and no discussion on it is deemed necessary, since it is clearly inapplicable to the subject matter of all remaining claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of all remaining claims is respectfully requested.

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